



ALASKA FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATION

**January 25, 2016
9:00 AM**

BP Energy Center - 900 E Benson Blvd

AFEA Special Meeting on US Arctic Efforts with Ambassador Mark Brzezinski and Dr. Jeremy Mathis (Invited Guests)

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| 9:00AM | Introductions |
| 9:10AM | Arctic Executive Steering Committee (AESC) Updates |
| 9:30AM | AFEA Executive Board Summary of Alaska-based Federal Agencies successes and challenges in supporting AESC and the National Strategy for the Arctic Region (NSAR) efforts |
| 9:45AM | Question and Answers |
| 10:00AM | Meeting Adjourned |

Today marks the one-year anniversary of President Obama signing EO 13689 establishing the Arctic Executive Steering Committee (AESC). As the U.S. approaches its second year chairing the Arctic Council, the AFEA has invited Ambassador Mark Brzezinski, the AESC Executive Director to provide an update of the AESC's work to date and highlights of federal Arctic efforts. As federal agency leads in Alaska, our organizations and staff are the implementers and in-region experts for these federal activities. This special meeting will also offer an opportunity to provide feedback directly to Ambassador Brzezinski as to how U.S. Arctic efforts have unfolded and impacted your agencies' missions in Alaska along with opportunities to improve the Alaska-DC communication and relationships among federal agencies. This meeting is a follow up to Ambassador Brzezinski's first meeting with AFEA during the Glacier Conference last August. The career continuity and expertise in the federal government for Alaska and the Arctic largely rests in the our agencies; AFEA can be an instrumental partner in advancing sound Arctic policy and programs from our lens of experience and practice across Alaska.